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WASHINGTON (AP)-THE SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO USE TROOPS IF NECESSARY TO MEET THE THREAT OF THE COMMUNIST MILITARY BUILDUP IN CUBA.

REPUBLICAN SPOKESMEN SAID CONGRESS, BEFORE ADJOURNMENT, SHOULD PASS A RESOLUTION TO GIVE BIPARTISAN BACKING AND AUTHORITY FOR KENNEDY TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS HE DEEMS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THE USE OF ARMED FORCES, TO PROTECT VITAL SECURITY INTERESTS.

SEN. DIRKSEN, SENATE GOP LEADER, SAID THE PARTY LEADERSHIP PROPOSED A RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO ONE CONGRESS ADOPTED IN 1955 WHEN IT AUTHORIZED FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER "TO EMPLOY OUR OWN ARMED FORCES AS HE DEEMED NECESSARY" TO PROTECT FORMOSA AND THE PESCADORES ISLANDS FROM THE COMMUNIST CHINESE THREAT.

DIRKSEN AND REP. HALLECK OF INDIANA, HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER, SAID THEY ARE DRAFTING LETTERS TO VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND HOUSE SPEAKER JOHNSON OF MASSACHUSETTS RECOMMENDING THE PREPARATION OF SUCH A RESOLUTION BY THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES.

"THIS COURSE OF ACTION BY THE CONGRESS WILL REFLECT DETERMINATION AND CLEAR PURPOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND WILL DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD THE FIRMLINESS OF THIS NATION IN MEETING THIS PROBLEM," DIRKSEN SAID IN A STATEMENT AFTER A MEETING OF THE TOP REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS.

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